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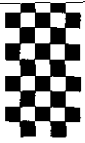
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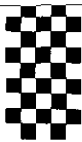
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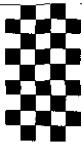
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Further, the application of the ban on encryption and mandated public availability only applies to BROADCAST content. If media producers wish to encrypt or otherwise "protect" their product, the answer is simple: Do not broadcast it. The cable and satellite mediums consist of privately owned circuits where encryption or broadcast flags or any other technology the media industry wants can be deployed. The American citizens have no "right" to access content over private media.

They do, however, have that right for anything that travels over the airwaves. The broadcast spectrum is a public commons and "we the people" retain all rights over who uses them and how.

The recent FCC decisions regarding the broadcast industry is becoming an embarrassment to that agency. Its decision on media consolidation rules created such a public outcry that congress had to intervene to impose the will of the people. The FCC's decision to classify the cable industry as an "information provider" instead of a "telecommunications provider" has been overturned in court and, I believe, will also not withstand the public scrutiny should the agency pursue an appeal of that decision.

If the FCC endorses the use of the broadcast flag over the public airways, it will eventually become crystal clear to the American public just exactly who the FCC really represents. The broadcast flag is currently not well understood by the public, however, I assure you that when Mr. Average Joe Citizen tapes the Superbowl while he's at work, only to find out that the FCC has allowed the broadcasting network to prevent him from viewing it at a later time, he WILL be acutely aware of its impact and outraged at the decision that allowed it.

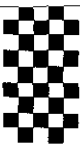
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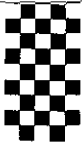
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In addition, with the high cost of new digital equipment, I should be able to purchase one digital display to use for both my computer and my television viewing. I can't invest in a \$4,000 television, and a wide, digital computer monitor, but a combined viewer would be more in line with my budget. These devices are already available, and I should be able to use an item for more than one purpose if I so desire.

I do not understand how "free television" could be so restricted. The law states that using a VCR for time-shifting broadcast television shows is a fair use. How can restricting my fair use be appropriate? I completely disagree with the entire concept, and strongly urge the FCC to oppose this regulation.

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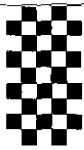
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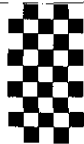
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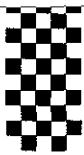
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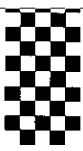
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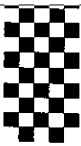
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I don't tell them how to make movies, they can't tell me how to watch TV. If they don't like the market, for god's sake, have them stay out of it!

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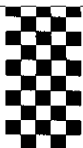
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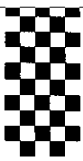
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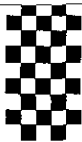
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Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Bunner



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Don't let the movie industry control my TV. Let the digital revolution in television empower the OWNERS OF THE TELEVISIONS not the movie industry and the broadcast industry. If they don't want to allow recording and time shifting of their programs, then let them keep their material OFF THE AIR.

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